

PACT TOPIC OF C. I. O. WORKERS' MEET

Plaque to Schumann-Heink
ST. PAUL (U.P.)—A memorial plaque to Mmc. Schumann-Heink has been placed in the new center of St. Paul's legitimate stage activities—the Auditorium theatre.

Justice Weds 1,800
JACKSON, Mo. (U.P.)—John G. Putz, justice of the peace, has performed his 1,800th marriage ceremony. He has been a justice 24 years.

Always In Luck
TIPTON, Ia. (U.P.)—The luck of Harold Eves, Tipton farmer, should never run out. He has found and preserved a total of 3,200 of the lucky four-leaf clovers.

LOW TICKET PRICES
You can hear Richard Halliburton, famed author-adventurer, at the Civic Auditorium May 3 for 55 cents if you are an adult, 25 cents if you are a student.

Gov. Martin Becomes Gov. Martin



Gov. Charles H. Martin of Oregon is shown seated in the official chair of Gov. Clarence D. Martin of Washington during a recent visit when the first Gov. Martin took over the state of Washington for an hour while the second Gov. Martin was away. At his right is Richard Mallon, the Washington governor's secretary, being told by the Oregon governor that he, Hamilton, has just had his wages increased. All very confusing, isn't it?

"GAY 90's" SCORES BIG HIT HERE

Fulfilling its advance publicity as "the funniest show ever staged in Torrance" by almost continuous laughter from start to finish, the Kiwanis Club's presentation of "The Gay 90's" in the civic auditorium last Thursday and Friday evenings was a notable attraction for several reasons.

Near-capacity audiences witnessed the antics of about 70 well-known business, professional and official residents in the two-act show whose between-act specialties were equally good. The outstanding feature, judging by comments heard from scores who guffawed at their covortings, was the "flower girls" in their modish gowns. It was these winsome chorines—Morris Koch, James Boyd, Hilman Lee, Arnold Berg, Charles Jones, Harry Alcorn, W. S. Shields, Howard Haworth, C. E. Clark, Dr. C. L. Ingold, Charles Le Boeuf, John Rogers, Willis Brooks, T. E. Coggins, Dudley Burns, J. H. Stroh, G. M. Calder, Robert Lessing, Percy Hammond, Bill Nye and last—but by no means least—Henry Grubb who stopped the show.

Local Union Picks Three-Man Grievance Committee

STEEL PAYROLLS REACH NEW PEAK OF \$1,055,000,000

Total steel payrolls are now at the rate of over \$1,055,000,000 a year, the highest level in the history of the industry, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute. Payments to wage earners are currently at the rate of \$886,000,000 per year, and salaries at \$169,000,000.

Also at the highest figure on record are the average hourly earnings of the industry's wage-earning employees, currently at 83½ cents per hour and equivalent to nearly \$7 per eight-hour day. The minimum wage in the Pittsburgh and Chicago steel districts is 62½ cents per hour, or \$5 per day of eight hours.

Two general pay increases within five months, the first on Nov. 16, 1936, and the second taking effect on March 16 of this year, added \$205,000,000 a year to the payrolls of the industry and raised the average hourly earnings of steel wage-earners almost 25 percent.

The November increase, which lifted annual payrolls about \$75,000,000, raised the average wage approximately 10 percent to about 73 cents an hour. Before that increase hourly earnings averaged about 66 cents per hour. The second increase raised hourly wages about 10 cents per hour, involving about \$130,000,000 annually, and represented a minimum of 19 percent increase for employees in the lower wage brackets. The increase to all wage earners averaged about 15 percent. In addition, beginning March 16, time-and-a-half is being paid generally for overtime work beyond eight hours per day or 40 hours per week.

Details of the contract signed March 17 by President A. N. Diehl of the Columbia Steel Company and representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, C. I. O. organization were explained to approximately 300 men attending the third open meeting of the Association Sunday afternoon in the Moose hall on Carson street.

It was read and analyzed by C. R. Burns of Chicago, member of the C. I. O. committee for the western region. This pact, which Timms said "cost the C. I. O. \$118,000 to get" insures industrial peace among some 160,000 steel workers in five great companies affiliated with the United States Steel Corporation, will run until Feb. 28, 1938, with provision for a new agreement to become effective two weeks before that expiration date.

Following Timms' explanatory statement, a barrage of questions was asked by members of the audience concerning individual factors of wages, working schedules and other details. Principal topics of concern were the increase in pay, at least 80 cents per day or \$16 per month; working hours, 40 hours with overtime for extra work; and the recognition of the union for its own members.

Dairyman Secured.
President Charles D. Steele of the local chapter of the Amalgamated presided at the open session and the closed business meeting which followed. At the latter gathering, a three-man grievance committee was named for temporary 90 days' service, consisting of Fred Anderle, sheet mill; Jack Hlatt, open hearth; and Jack Ivens, 22-inch mill.

Timms repeatedly called the gathering's attention to "this is our first contract and I think you understand what I mean when I say first". Union dues of \$1 per month of which 25 cents goes to the local chapter, and \$3 initiation fee will not be deducted from pay envelopes but must be voluntarily contributed. The speaker declared that "the company union 'Employees' Representative Plan' is dead and should be forgotten."

Other speakers of the meeting were William Dalrymple, field worker for the C. I. O.; Leslie Patina, secretary-treasurer of the Culinary Workers' Union, and E. M. Cope, of the Dairy Workers' Union. Dalrymple, previously nettled by the many questions asked by Timms, expressed himself forcibly on what he called "these unimportant matters which are fully covered by the working contract." He also stressed his connection with union organization "since 1919." A member of the audience who said he was not interested in unions "back in 1919 because I was helping with a little job over in France with the A. E. F. roundly scored Organizer Dalrymple for what he told friends later was "steamroller tactics."

Set Meeting Times
Dalrymple's most interesting statement was that he informed E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant here, on March 30 that the C. I. O. organization had "over 1,000 members here." Patina asked all present to demand a show of union cards in local restaurants and cafes to help the Culinary Workers' organization. Dalrymple Cope informed the gathering that it was "now possible to get union milk in your homes" and that recent negotiations with dairies, which he did not name, raised pay 40 percent, eliminated the 12-hour day and seven-day week. At the door of the hall was a group interested in signing up those attending the meeting for service by unionized dairies.

President Steele, who resigned Monday as a Workers' representative in the Employees' Representative Plan set-up, announced that the regular meetings of the local Amalgamated chapter will be held on alternate Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock in the Moose hall. The first of these sessions will be next Saturday morning.

DEMOLAYS PLAN
FATHER-SON BANQUET
The DeMolay lodge of Wilmington invites all members and prospective members of the lodge to join them at a father-and-son banquet to be held in the Wilmington Masonic temple, Wednesday evening, April 14, at 8:30 p. m. For reservations phone 419-J.

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Boss Entertains Strikers
OWENSOUND, Ont. (U.P.)—When the employees of his furniture factory went on strike, Hamilton Merritt took more than 20 of them rabbit hunting.

Court Scene a Riot

Featured on the between-acts interludes were a group of talented youngsters from the Moglin Dance Studio of Los Angeles. Their contribution was unusually fine and each diminutive singer or dancer received generous rounds of applause. Kenneth Hall, Bob Sleeth and Donna McCutcheon's vocal solos pleased and Frank LaVey scored a hit with his accordion selections. The pantomime, "Frankie and Johnnie" was a rib-tickling skit, capably performed by Lyle Doan, Frank Paour, H. E. Appenzeler, Dudley Polhemus and Charles Rhoades with Earl Conner as narrator.

With Henry Ullright officiating as judge—the nose-dive he took Saturday night was a notable if unscheduled addition to the hilarity—the first act consisting of a court scene set the pace for the comedy to follow. Those participating in the riotous proceedings were George Probert, clerk; Alden Smith, attorney for the plaintiff; C. T. Rippy, attorney for the defendant; Bill Shawger, as the cause of it all—Doty Perkins, plaintiff; Sam Kennedy, the defendant; Charles Rhoades, Doty's most attractive mother; the incomparable jurors—Jack Bar-

INTEND TO WED

Notices of intention to marry were filed this week by the following local residents:

Charles R. Funk, 24, Canton, Ohio, and Harriet Stolzenbach, 23, of Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes.

William T. Holmer, 31, of 2554 South Frampton avenue, Harbor City, and Alene R. Irvine, 27, of 1818 256th street, Lomita.

Joe A. Haslam, 21, of 2355 Lomita boulevard, Lomita, and Virginia A. Myers, 17, of 716 West M street, Wilmington.

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